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The Selectmen of the town of Winchester submit the following Report, relative to the financial affairs of said town for the year commencing March 1st, 1875, and ending March 1st, 1876 :

Total real estate of residents, appraised at	\$577,690 00
“ “ non-residents, “	64,330 00
610 polls, rated at	61,000 00
351 horses, over 18 months old, appraised at	27,530 00
1044 oxen, cows and neat stock, “	40,980 00
755 sheep, over six months old, “	2,862 00
Stock in banks,	46,400 00
Carriages,	6,540 00
Stock in trade,	40,379 00
Money on hand and at interest,	31,050 00
Factories and machinery,	61,700 00
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	\$960,461 00
Exempt by law, deducted,	3,881 00
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	\$956,580 00
State tax for 1875,	\$2,304 00
County “ “	1,381 79
Voted to raise for town charges,	1,000 00
“ “ schools,	3,800 00
“ raise 5 per cent. of the bonded debt and interest,	1,094 50
Voted to raise for support of highways,	2,000 00
“ “ “ cemetery fence,	1,500 00
“ “ “ fire department,	300 00
“ “ “ support of paupers,	600 00
Dog tax,	165 00
Overlay,	308 <sup>40</sup> / <sub>100</sub> 67
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	\$14,453 96

Committed to Isaac Saben for collection, \$14,453 96.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1875,	\$3,604 30
Rec'd of County, for County paupers,	945 79
Town of Richmond, for support of Kimpton family,	27 04
A. M. Day, for use of scraper,	7 00
S. M. Morse, for George Bragg,	2 00
“ guardian for Emeline Ball,	48 00
Town of Rindge, for Bragg child,	5 17
J. W. Metcalf, for use of town hall,	132 50
H. Abbott, for brick,	1 25
Savings Bank tax,	1,086 79
Railroad tax,	158 58
Literary fund,	249 40
Tax of 1872,	12 20
Tax of 1874 and interest,	946 90
Isaac Saben, Collector,	14,453 96
“ “ interest,	51 18
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	\$21,732 06

## ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Moderator,	\$15 50
F. H. Eames, for town clerk book,	5 65
S. M. Morse, for settling county bills,	1 50
Parmely Carlton, work on cemetery,	1 50
H. Abbott, for treasurer's book,	12 50
A. H. Taft, for certificates of births and deaths,	7 25
Zenas Lewis, for housing scrapers,	1 53
P. A. Ware, for cash paid Swanzev sexton,	4 00
James Fosgate, for collector's book, &c.,	9 13
C. W. Scott, for stamps, &c.,	2 85
John Adams, blacksmith bill,	20 45
Chas H. Bemis, wood for hall,	17 13
O. L. Howard, for varnishing hearse,	6 90
Daniel C. Stearns, wood for hall,	8 00
Robert P. Wilson, for public water trough,	3 00
Harvey Dudley, for public water trough,	2 50
John M. Shaw, expense to Keene,	3 00
J. W. Rumrill, for sawing wood for hall,	2 44
James Fosgate, paid for printing town report, for the year ending March 1st, 1875,	44 00
James Fosgate, for printing high school report,	28 00

Paid Kelton & Scott, sundries as per bill,	\$18 84
H. Peirce & Co., record of births and deaths,	5 50
Kelton & Scott, as per bill rendered,	6 06
N. H. Healy, for running town line,	2 88
Russell C. Smith, for ringing bell last year,	30 00
J. W. Metcalf, expense of town hall,	49 46
Harvey Dudley, for service as auditor, 1875,	2 00
F. Weeks, for service as auditor, 1875,	1 00
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	\$312 57

## SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Russell W. Boyce, for breaking road, 1874 and 1875,	\$13 50
N. F. Healy, for getting ice out of road at Ashuelot,	6 25
Ansel E. Bourn, road agent,	37 84
John L. Winch, "	25 00
George C. Swan, "	6 33
J. H. Manning, building wall at bridge,	55 28
J. B. Field, road agent,	39 67
Russell Follett, "	85 95
Paul S. Willis, "	28 05
J. H. Manning, "	56 55
Alvin Estey, "	37 06
E. W. Baker, "	65 37
Ziba Ware, "	66 20
Amos A. Putnam, "	36 20
John L. Winch, "	15 00
Willard Rixford, "	26 75
C. F. Wood, "	44 55
A. H. Cook, "	15 75
J. H. Manning, work on drains,	20 00
J. Saben, road agent,	34 13
James P. Putnam, road agent,	59 87
John L. Winch, "	11 70
H. G. Pickett, work and plank,	5 87
J. B. Field, road agent,	86 11
John L. Winch, "	75 00
Ansel E. Bourn, "	54 36
John L. Winch, "	20 00
W. C. Goss, "	17 88
Harvey Carlton, work on highway,	10 90
John Pentland, "	6 00
Fred. Barrett, road agent,	36 50



Paid George W. Combs, "	\$25 50
Alvin Estey, "	42 75
A. H. Cook, road agent,	9 50
A. E. Kingman, "	91 25
A. P. Tufts, snowing bridge 1874-75,	19 00
E. W. Baker, road agent,	51 45
N. F. Healy, " "	16 11
N. F. Healy, for work and plank,	28 82
C. W. Scott, work on drains and materials furnished,	27 75
H. V. Prime, road agent,	18 47
J. A. Holman, work on road,	5 00
Pardan D. Smith, road agent,	31 30
James P. Putnam, " "	36 61
John Burk, work on road,	11 25
E. S. Adams, " "	13 06
N. B. Norcross, work on drain,	2 40
E. W. Baker, for drain near Stevens',	76 92
Paul S. Willis, road agent,	17 45
James H. Bolton, " "	46 00
John L. Winch, " "	9 79
J. H. Manning, " "	30 20
Martin M. Baker, " "	94 34
Fred Barrett, " "	54 89
Eldad Wright, work on highway,	7 34
Ansel Dickinson, bridge plank,	31 43
Ansel Dickinson, road agent,	130 95
Ziba Ware, " "	5 48
Milan D. Spaulding, putting sign on bridge,	50
Amos A. Putnam, road agent,	13 66
Isaac Saben, " "	4 57
E. W. Bent, repairing scraper,	8 15
George C. Snow, road agent,	12 16
Theodore Holton, work on highway,	15 67
J. B. Field, road agent,	3 50
W. C. Goss, " "	12 40
R. R. Wilson, finishing new road,	23 56
Charles H. Cooper, road agent,	59 29
E. W. Hammond, stone for sluice,	2 00
C. F. Wood, road agent,	5 08
F. J. Bent, work on highway,	1 70
A. H. Holman, snowing and repairing bridge,	5 60
L. F. Buffum, road agent,	61 09
John L. Winch, " "	25 00

Paid P. D. Smith, breaking roads in 1876,	\$3 75
John Adams, fixing rail on iron bridge,	2 50
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	\$2,294 81

## SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid H. Abbott, for support of Harmon Robinson,	\$6 10
A. H. Taft, medical attendance of Wm. Bragg's child	3 00
A. Kimpton, sawing wood for Mrs. Lewis,	75
Lewis Howard, for support of E. Doolittle,	10 00
S. M. Morse, for support of Emiline Ball,	37 88
H. Abbott, for support of Harmon Robinson,	6 05
Jane Leonard, work for Mrs Lewis,	15 00
Sarah Howard, clothes for E. Doolittle,	4 28
James E. Coxeter, house rent for Mrs. Lewis,	6 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for Mrs Willard Davis,	15 11
Kelton & Scott, goods for Mrs. Zenas Lewis,	12 85
Kelton & Scott, goods for paupers,	24 39
H. Abbott, support of Harmon Robinson,	6 05
George L. Jaquith, for Mrs. Lewis,	15 00
George L. Jaquith, for Mrs. Lewis,	5 00
Earl Evans, medical attendance Mrs. Allen,	57 00
George L. Jaquith, support of Mrs. Lewis,	3 00
Moody Towne, wood for Mrs. Lewis,	10 25
H. G. Pickett, milk for Bragg child,	2 17
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	3 00
H. Abbott, for support of Harmon Robinson,	6 05
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	3 00
William Shrigley, clothes for Clark boy, &c.,	10 15
H. Abbott, for Luther Lawrence,	109 10
A. A. Smith, for boarding Clark boy,	8 00
H. Abbott & Co., coffins for Mrs. Davis, and Disgarless,	20 50
George L. Jaquith, for Mrs. Lewis,	6 00
H. Abbott, for support of Emeline Ball	38 71
Joel Fosgate, for Mrs. Stephen Brown,	17 00
Henry L. Stetsons, for boarding Clark boy,	9 00
Earl Evans, medical attendance of Mrs. Lewis,	47 00
" " Ida Allen,	28 50
" " Mrs. Merrill,	3 50
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Mrs. Willard Davis.	20 00
Mrs. Geo. Stetson, for boarding Isaac Kimball,	50 57
H. Abbott, for support of Emeline Ball,	43 28

Paid H. Abbott, for support of Luther Lawrence,	\$53 36
John G. Dingman, for Scott child	30 00
Joel Fosgate, for Mrs. Stephen Brown,	18 00
H. Abbott & Co., coffin for Atwood boy,	11 00
E. P. Peirce, for Scott child,	9 60
Charles Jackson, for Mrs. Willard Davis,	1 28
F. Weeks & Co., clothes for Clark,	95
Mrs. George Stetson, for support of Mrs. Merrill,	71 14
H. Abbott, for Luther Lawrence,	66 05
A. H. Taft, for Daniel Hale,	4 50
“ Mrs. John Merrill,	2 00
“ Mrs. Stephen Brown,	1 50
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	\$932 52

## SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Henry Lyman, for taking Chamberlain to Farm,	\$6 00
C. W. Scott, for support Lydia Barrett,	4 00
A. H. Taft, for medical attendance for J. W. Rumrill,	9 25
C. W. Scott, for support of Geo. W. Hammond,	7 05
A. H. Taft, medical attendance to Abbie Russell,	35 75
John G. Dingman, for support J. W. Rumrill,	7 50
E. C. Richards, for keeping 14 tramps,	14 00
Harvey Russell, for Abbie O. Russell,	48 00
Kelton & Scott, for goods for Sarah Aldrich,	46 22
“ “ Roland F. Gould,	34 82
“ “ George Bragg,	5 73
“ “ J. M. Leonard,	9 07
“ “ Geo. W. Hammond,	10 30
“ “ Rumrill child,	65
E. Cook, “ Geo. W. Hammond,	3 05
E. H. Brown, “ J. M. Leonard,	2 31
F. Weeks & Co., “ “	37 70
“ “ J. W. Rumrill,	10 10
“ “ Widow “	10 29
“ “ Luman “	9 64
John W. Chamberlain, for Nathaniel Chamberlain,	12 00
C. W. Scott, paid Lydia Barrett,	2 25
“ “ Geo. W. Hammond,	6 00
“ “ Lydia Barrett,	3 00
Paul S. Willis, wood for J. W. Rumrill,	2 00
C. W. Scott, for Lydia Barrett,	3 75
Henry Lyman, for keeping tramp,	75
C. W. Scott, for Geo. W. Hammond,	7 00



Paid John G. Dingman, for J. W. Rumrill,	\$1 50
C. W. Scott, for Lydia Barrett,	3 00
Geo. L. Jaquith, for Mrs. Lewis,	4 00
Henry L. Stetson, taking Kimball to County farm,	4 00
E. C. Richards, for keeping tramps,	15 80
C. W. Scott, for support Lydia Barrett,	9 00
George L. Jaquith, support Mrs. Lewis,	6 00
C. W. Scott, " Geo. W. Hammond,	15 00
Kelton & Scott, " Sarah Aldrich,	51 61
" " R. F. Gould,	47 00
John G. Dingman, " Mrs. J. W. Rumrill,	15 00
Kelton & Scott, " George Bragg,	11 43
Harvey Russell, " Abbie O. Russell,	56 00
Kelton & Scott, " George L. Brown,	11 46
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Sarah Aldrich,	3 25
Earl Evans, " " "	41 00
" " " Benny "	5 00
A. H. Taft, " " A. O. Russell,	29 01
Earl Evans, " " Mrs. Lewis,	10 50
O. L. Howard, service as sexton for Under- wood,	4 75
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Geo W. Hammond,	2 76
John E. Read. meal for J. W. Rumrill,	98
A. H. Taft, for Mrs. J. W. Rumrill,	5 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for Emily Smith,	1 35
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Emily Smith,	14 25
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for the Bragg family,	29 98
C. W. Scott, for keeping tramps,	2 25
W. S. Phillips, for meat for J. M. Leonard,	3 00
Kelton & Scott, goods for J. M. Leonard,	1 96
M. D. Bryant, for support of Polly Bryant,	22 27
Earl Evans, medical attendance for Polly Bryant,	15 00
H. Abbott & Co., coffin for Samuel Underwood,	10 50
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for Samuel Underwood,	1 50
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	39 00
" " "	8 00
John G. Dingman, for support of George L. Brown,	6 00
C. W. Scott, for support of Lydia Barrett,	4 50

Paid George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	\$8 00
“ “ “	4 00
W. S. Phillips, for meat for Bragg family,	1 13
“ “ William Underwood,	2 74
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	8 00
John G. Dingman, for support of George L. Brown,	9 00
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	8 00
C. W. Scott, for support of Lydia Barrett,	7 50
A. H. Taft, medical attendance for W. Underwood,	36 80
George L. Jaquith, for support of Mrs. Lewis,	20 00
R. W. Boyce, for wood for George W. Hammond,	8 00
Lockhart Ripley, for support of Rumrill children,	43 00
Kelton & Scott, wood for Emily Smith,	24 35
George L. Jaquith, for Mrs. Lewis,	12 00
C. W. Scott, for support of Lydia Barrett,	6 00
H. Abbott, for support of Emeline Ball,	57 48
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	\$1,116 70

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Isaac Smith, District No. 1,	\$ 95 50
Martin Kelly, District No. 2,	384 26
James T. Burnap, District No. 3,	796 91
O. W. Horsford, District No. 4,	94 05
William A. Morey, District No. 5,	81 61
E. W. Baker, District No. 6,	151 23
George W. Willard, District No. 7,	92 19
Daniel L. Pickett, District No. 8,	103 65
Jonathan O. Hill District No. 9,	95 55
C. W. Thompson, District No. 10,	115 12
L. F. Buffum, Districts No. 11 and 12,	129 13
E. H. Naromore, District No. 13,	68 27
James M. Nash, District No. 15,	76 43
Martin V. Colton, District No. 16,	127 32
E. B. Kendrick, District No. 17,	62 89
A. H. Woodbury, District No. 18,	209 70
Henry Lyman, District No. 19,	87 46
Frank J. Puffer, District No. 20,	94 16
John C. Thompson, District No. 21,	119 33
For High School,	1,050 00
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	\$4,034 76

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. B. Willard,	\$14 50
Charles D. Seaver, taking care of engine,	10 00
E. B. Willard, work on ditch,	3 00
E. B. Willard, money for fire company,	260 00
H. M. Pratt, work on engine,	10 65
H. Abbott, for repairing engine,	337 03
M. D. Spaulding, for work on reservoir,	50
H. Abbott, oil for fire department,	15 60
Frank W. Hildreth, repairing hose cart,	1 75
John Adams, iron rings for reservoir,	40
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	\$653 43

## PAID BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid Henry Abbott, coupons,	\$30 00
“ Town bond,	100 00
“ Coupons,	2 93
“ Town bond,	1,600 00
“ Coupons,	216 00
“ Town Bond,	100 00
“ Coupons,	17 88
“ Coupons,	129 00
“ Coupons,	60 00
“ Coupons,	72 00
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	\$2,327 81

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid O. L. Howard, for service as sexton,	\$98 50
Theodore Holton, “ “	17 50
O. L. Howard, for moving body,	4 00
Isaac Saben, collector,	175 00
E. Harmon, for High School Committee,	24 77
“ for Superintending School Committee,	91 00
F. H. Eames, town clerk,	41 23
H. V. Prim, service as police,	5 00
E. C. Richards, “	5 00
F. R. Peters, “	5 00
R. R. Wilson, “	8 10
James Fosgate, service as selectman,	131 00
“ “ assessor,	98 00
N. F. Healy, service as selectman,	120 25
“ “ assessor,	97 50
Charles W. Scott, service as selectman,	128 75



Paid Charles W. Scott, services as assessor,	\$96 00
"                    "          overseer of the poor,	57 15
H. Abbott,                    "          treasurer,	25 00
J. Eugene Powers, for ringing bell,	35 00
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	\$1,263 75

## CEMETERY APPROPRIATION.

Paid F. Weeks, for Committee,	\$500 00
"                    "          "          "          "	500 00
"                    "          "          "          "	500 00
"                    "          "          "          "	126 70
"                    "          "          "          "	5 17
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	\$1,631 87

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid H. Abbott, State tax,	\$2,304 00
"                    county tax,	1,381 79
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	\$3,685 79

## COST IN WHITCOMB ROAD CASE.

Paid W. R. Bullock, witness fees,	\$ 8 05
A. L. Jewell, witness fee and measuring road,	11 05
N. F. Healy, bill for services,	14 55
James Fosgate,                    "          "	22 45
"                    paid Clark, witness,	5 91
C. W. Scott, bill for paid witness, &c.,	10 38
"                    summoning witness and service,	18 18
H. V. Prim, witness fees,	7 93
Geo. H. Prim,                    "          "	4 18
H. Carlton,                    "          "	6 44
Amos A. Putnam,                    "          "	6 32
H. B. Swan,                    "          "	4 30
Wm. Rixford,                    "          "	8 05
Isaac Saben,                    "          "	8 05
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	\$135 84

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid George H. Hutchins, for damage on highways,	\$ 2 37
Daniel H. Chapin, for service as per bill,	6 50
Alvin Kimpton, repairing cemetery fence,	2 06
J. Nutting & Son, damage on highway,	4 50
E. W. Boynton, damage on highway,	5 00
Jonah F. Bent, damage by sand,	16 16
E. W. Bent, repairing sleigh for Norwood,	2 50
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	\$39 09

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abel Hammond, illegal tax on horse,	\$1 14
Mrs. Abel Hammond, tax sworn off on interest money,	19 89
Arthur Burbank, over-tax,	6 12
Abatement of tax on Masonic Hall,	2 28
John O. Smith, illegally assessed,	1 53
Patrick Kelly, tax on horse not owned,	1 50
J. C. Field, over-tax,	4 59
H. B. Swan, over-tax on interest money,	3 06
Lydia Smith, taxes sworn off on interest money assessed in 1872,	12 20
James Hayes, illegal tax,	1 53
John Joyce, illegal tax on dog,	2 00
Isaac Saben, collector of taxes,	36 78
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	\$92 78

## OLD BILLS CONTRACTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1875.

Paid S. M. Morse, County pauper bill,	\$9 48
“ telegraphing, &c.,	4 33
H. Abbott, paid Hammond Robinson,	6 00
George Snow, breaking roads,	2 85
T. C. Scott, storing engine,	36 00
George Stetson, boarding J. Kimball,	86 00
Alvin W. Ball, cutting ice at Ashuelot,	6 40
Charles F. Wood, breaking roads,	5 85
E. Cook, goods, &c., Benjamin Kidder,	5 00
Pardon D. Smith, repairing highway,	6 12
Charles Jackson, breaking roads,	27 70
H. M. Pratt, work on engine,	1 50
George W. Combs, breaking roads,	5 68
C. W. Thompson, snowing bridge,	6 50
Henry Stetson, breaking roads,	4 57
Sewell Taft, “	1 00
J. H. Manning, “	9 00
George H. Hutchins, “	5 00
C. W. Fairbanks, “	8 50
P. D. Smith, “	11 12
E. S. Adams, “	5 00
O. L. Howard, service as sexton,	32 50
“ repairing hearse,	1 50
A. Dickinson, repairing cart wheels,	17 33
F. P. Willis, pauper bill,	5 25
Willard Snow, work on highway,	3 00

Paid W. J. Hunt, shoveling snow,	\$6 00
Newhall & Stebbins, iron pins,	10 38
E. Wilber, shoes for George Bragg,	2 00
William H. Gurnsey, pens and pencils,	50
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	\$332 06

In the above list are bills to the amount of \$32.81 that do not properly belong there, having been contracted since March 1st, 1875.

#### SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Harvey Carlton,	\$57 50
John C. Smith,	10 00
David Sawyer,	20 00
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	\$87 50

#### LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding March 1, 1876,	\$8,150 00
Interest on same,	81 50
Due Edward Alexander, for land damages,	256 00
Park Wright's heirs, for land damages,	18 00
Auditors,	6 00
Schools, Literary fund and dog tax,	326 90
Outstanding bills, estimated,	175 00
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	\$9,013 40

#### ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1876,	\$2,790 83
Due from county for support of paupers,	336 46
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	\$3,127 29
Balance against the town March 1, 1876,	\$5,886 11
Balance against the town March 1, 1875,	5,738 99
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Apparent increase of liabilities,	\$147 12
In the Auditors' Report of last year there was an error in leaving out the liabilities of the town, the literary fund and dog tax due the schools, amounting to the sum of	\$327 11
Which would have made the balance against the town March 1, 1875,	6,066 10
Deducting the balance against the town March 1, 1876,	5,886 11
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Making the decrease of debt,	\$179 99



## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary town charges,	\$ 312 57
State and county tax,	3,685 79
Highways and bridges,	2,294 81
Town paupers,	932 62
County paupers,	1,116 70
School money,	4,034 76
Fire department,	653 43
Bonds and coupons,	2,327 81
Town officers,	1,263 75
Cemetery appropriation,	1,631 87
Cost of Whitcomb road case,	135 84
Miscellaneous,	39 09
Abatement of taxes,	92 62
Old bill, contracted prior to March 1, 1875,	332 06
Sheep killed by dogs,	87 50

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Total amount of payments,	\$18,941 22
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Total amount of liabilities,	\$9,013 40
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Total amount of assets,	3,127 29
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Balance against town March 1, 1876,	\$5,886 11
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FOSGATE,	}	Selectmen of Winchester.
NATH'L C. F. HEALEY,		
CHAS. W. SCOTT.		

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, for the year ending March 1, 1876, submit the following report :

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Makes the actual decrease of debt,	\$179 99
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SIDNEY M. MORSE, WILLIAM RIXFORD, AMES C. EATON.	}	Auditors.
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## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

*To the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester :*

The undersigned, a committee appointed by yourselves pursuant of a vote of the legal voters of the said town of Winchester, had on the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of enlarging the village cemetery and fencing the same, hereby report :—

1st. We purchased land to the amount of about sixty rods of Hiram Doolittle and heirs, and about forty rods of Henry B. Robbins, at a cost, including making of deeds and recording the same, of \$43.80, forty-three dollars and eighty cents ; also entering upon and seizing a sufficient amount of the common, so called, to bring the front of the cemetery lot in form to secure two right angled corners, thus securing a plot of ground of about one and one-half acres in extent.

2d. We enclosed the same, including the grounds then occupied for cemetery purposes, by a picket fence, as near as may be in accordance with the instructions of said vote as recorded in the records of said town, page 227, at a cost of \$1,392.38, one thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars and thirty-eight cents.

3d. That we might be able to erect said fence, we were obliged to do grading at a cost of \$97.27, ninety-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents.

4th. We secured by said enlargement an opportunity to properly lay out and define the boundaries thereof by suitable stakes, (135) one hundred and thirty-five lots, most of which are (18) eighteen feet long by (12) twelve feet wide, with suitable walks of (3) three and (4) four feet in width, around each, affording easy access to each on all sides. Also, marking each of said lots by a suitable stake appropriately numbered.

5th. We constructed (116) one hundred and sixteen rods of road bed, at a cost of (\$34) thirty-four dollars, by this means, allowing all the lots to be quite nearly approached by carriages.

6th. In recapitulation, we would report as funds received and expended, as follows :



Received—the appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Old materials sold,	8 10
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	\$1,508 10
Expended—Land purchased,	\$ 43 80
Grading,	97 27
Stone posts,	146 10
Iron for posts, &c.,	98 95
Wood work,	916 88
Paints and painting	230 45
Making road,	34 00
Stationery,	60
Committee's bill,	71 92
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	\$1,639 97
Balance of expenditure beyond appropriation,	\$131 87
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

GEORGE W. PEIRCE, }  
 F. WEEKS, } Committee.  
 DANIEL T. SABEN, }

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Winchester would respectfully present the following Report for the year ending March 14th, 1876 :

DISTRICT No. 1.—Isaac Smith, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Ella W. Smith. She had been connected with the school during previous terms, and under her management the school was always successful. The government was excellent, and good progress evidently was made.

Miss Adelia Barrows, of Hinsdale, had charge of this school in the Winter Term. Her method was excellent in all respects, in discipline, in the ability to impart instruction, and especially in teaching pupils to think for themselves. Most excellent progress was made, and all the recitations were characterized by extreme thoroughness.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Martin Kelly, Prudential Committee.

This district is to be congratulated on its success in choice of teachers. Miss Elena M. Chapin has had charge of the Lower School, and has uniformly been successful in her work.

Miss Nellie L. Richardson, of Marlborough, did credit to her position in the Upper School. She was much liked, and the instruction was very thorough, and the order good.

DISTRICT No. 3.—James Burnap, Prudential Committee.

The High School, which by special arrangement includes the Grammar School, will be reported elsewhere. The Primary School was taught by Miss Florence I. Morse, with most marked success. Miss Morse showed great love and adaptation for her work, and the closing examinations reflected great credit upon the teacher and scholars alike.

The Intermediate School, under the charge of Miss Ida M. Swan, also achieved most commendable success, as appeared during the terms and at examinations. Miss Swan's patience, tact, and untiring devotion to her work, have brought large reward. Scholars of the intermediate grade are perhaps harder to mould and inspire than those either older or younger. They are not tractable like the little ones, nor ambitious like those who have taken on a few more years. If this consideration be a valid one, the good work of the teacher and scholars is all the more worthy of praise.

DISTRICT No. 4.—O. W. Hosford, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Addie E. Healey. Her work was in the main successful, particularly the first term. The second term, there were some misunderstandings, and possibly hindrances on the part of parents in some instances, which, although ultimately healed, made a deduction from the success of the term's work. No tardiness the second term.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Wm. A. Morey, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Emma A. Faulkner.

Miss Faulkner is an earnest, wide-awake teacher, and the examinations showed good order, thorough instruction, and a very commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Elijah Baker, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Dora E. Swan. This was her first term of teaching. She labored hard in the school, and, with sufficient experience, we think will become a very good teacher.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Rixford. Miss Rixford is a teacher of much experience, and under her instruction the scholars made rapid progress. The examination revealed good order and thorough instruction.

DISTRICT No. 7.—George Willard, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Belle E. Elmore. Miss Elmore is a hard working, conscientious and faithful teacher, and the scholars made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Daniel Whittemore, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Ellen E. Bolles, and with good success.



DISTRICT No. 9.—J. O. Hill, Prudential Committee.

The first term was taught by Miss Fannie A. Tuttle. This was her first experience in teaching. The order was good, and fair progress was made. Parents did not visit the school as much as they ought. Miss Tuttle will make an excellent teacher.

The second term was taught by Miss Jennie M. McAlister, of Keene. The grade of success was about the same as that of the first term. Sickness in some measure among teacher and scholars may have hindered progress somewhat.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Chas. J. Thompson, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Bixford; the Fall Term by Miss Ellen M. Smith. Both terms were marked by superior success in every regard. This district has been famous of late for good schools. The Fall Term had no case of tardiness.

DISTRICT No. 11.—L. F. Buffum, Prudential Committee.

This school, both terms, was under the charge of Miss Emma R. Jillson, of Warwick, Mass., a very energetic, faithful and efficient teacher. Every thing was well done. During the second term there was not a case of tardiness.

DISTRICT No. 12 has had no school, but sent scholars to No. 11 and to No. 20.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Edgar H. Naromore, Prudential Committee.

One term, taught by Miss Florence A. Corliss, of Swanzev, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 15.—James Nash, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary B. Thompson. In the Summer Term there was some lack of order, but for this we think some of the parents were more responsible than the teacher. The Winter Term showed great improvement in this respect, and the closing examination revealed a good degree of improvement on the part of the scholars and faithful labor on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Martin V. Colton, Prudential Committee.

There were three terms during the year. The Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Nellie A. Stearns. Gen-

eral satisfaction was given, and fair progress made. The Fall Term was under the care of Miss Emily L. Boyce, who, though a beginner, did good service in this her first term. This school has at the present time such excellent material to be wrought upon that good results can hardly fail to appear under the hand of a faithful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 17.—Elijah B. Kendrick, Prudential Committee.

This district has only a Winter Term and a small number of scholars. Miss Emily L. Boyce taught the school, which appeared well at the close. Good work seems to have been done throughout the term.

DISTRICT No. 18.—Andrew H. Woodbury, Prudential Committee.

This district had two male teachers, Mr. William Bullard in the Summer, and Mr. A. M. Haskins in the Fall Term. They were both, as far as could be judged, successful terms. Mr. Bullard seemed to have the good will of both parents and scholars, and his patience and tact achieved much success, which was fully apparent at the examination.

In the fall, the teacher, though perhaps as able and worthy as his predecessor, from some cause, did not seem to get hold of the school as well, and there was a falling off in the attendance. A school of such size as this, and of elements so diverse, needs much tact and skill on the part of any teacher to secure desirable results.

DISTRICT No. 19.—Henry Lyman, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms, the Summer under the care of Miss Clara E. Morse, a teacher of the finest qualifications and skill in imparting instruction. The progress was very commendable, and much credit is due to both teacher and parents; the latter often visiting and showing a lively interest in the school. Perhaps a little more attention in the way of discipline would have given still better results.

Miss Anna H. Doolittle had the Winter term. Very fair progress attended her labors, this being her first term, and the appearances indicated faithful labor. In this case also a little closer regard to order would have given still better results.

DISTRICT No. 20.—F. J. Puffer, Prudential Committee.

Summer School was taught by Miss Lydia Swan, a beginner in teaching. Her work was satisfactory and encouraging. Experience will soon give her a power in the school room, which is usually an acquirement rather than a gift. No instance of tardiness this term.

The Winter School, taught by Miss Alice C. Frink, deserves commendation. The teacher has had a good degree of experience, and seemed to be acceptable to the scholars and parents.

DISTRICT No. 21.—John C. Thompson, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term taught by Miss Carrie J. Hutchins. Winter Term by Miss Clara E. Morse. Both terms were very profitable. The closing examinations showed thorough instruction on the part of the teachers, and faithful industry on the part of the scholars.

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Of the 609 scholars of the town, all but 71 have been absent more or less from the school privileges so generously provided by the tax-payers.

The average attendance drops down to 410. These facts are worthy of most serious attention. Only two-thirds of our school privileges, as regards time, are improved. One-third is lost by the absence of scholars, necessary or inexcusable. This waste is just as real as though we should throw one-third of all our school money into the fire. Tardinesses and dismissals take away another very large per cent. from the prosperity of our schools. We purpose to print, in our report another year, a "Roll of Honor," containing the names of all scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year. We hope the "Roll" may be a very long one. We trust that parents and scholars will take hold of this matter with determined enthusiasm.

The average length of schools for the year is 19 weeks. This is not enough. We ought to have, at least, 24 weeks. To lengthen our schools we must either raise more money, or contrive to make it go further. Very likely we should do well to take hold firmly of both horns of our dilemma. There ought to be a movement for consolidation of districts without

delay. This could easily be effected so as to reduce the number from 20 to 15, at least; and this change of itself would give us one-fourth more schooling for the same money that we now raise, and increase the prosperity of our schools, as regards numbers and enthusiasm, in a ratio even greater than that. We have 9 schools with an average attendance of 12 or less, and 2 schools whose average attendance is as low as 6 or lower. Two districts have been able to have only one term each, and one district has become so weak that it has not tried to have any. And there is no prospect that things will grow better till weak districts can contrive to double up their strength. In what better way could we celebrate this "Centennial year" than by moving decisively and unanimously in this direction?

Of our 28 teachers, 5 have put their hands to the work for the first time, and 12 have taught in the same school two or more successive terms. Our teachers, as a whole, have done all that could be expected of them. Some of the teachers have faults which should be corrected. Prompting of scholars in the recitation is a very bad thing, because it has a tendency to destroy the scholar's self-reliance and power to think and remember for himself. Concert recitations are bad if carried too far. They are good for spice, but not for regular fare. Teachers should be able to avoid perpetrating blunders in pronunciation. No teacher should be in a school room without a dictionary at hand for constant reference. And every teacher ought to be ambitious to know a great deal more than just the identical things she is expected to teach. And no teacher is a *good* teacher who cannot command order. Only 7 have properly made out and returned their Registers. This is a growing evil; and hereafter we shall be under the necessity of adhering strictly to the law, which makes a Prudential Committee liable to prosecution for misappropriation of public money if he pays a teacher before receiving from the Superintending Committee a certificate that the Register has been properly made out and returned.

The ages of scholars should always be taken, and the names of boys and girls should be kept in separate lists, each list being arranged alphabetically as far as possible, and numbered independently of the other. The practice of teachers in re-



cording cases of tardiness has not been uniform. The first thing, after calling to order, should be the calling of the roll ; and every scholar not present to answer to his name, should be marked tardy. No excuse for tardiness can avail to erase the mark. Excuses may absolve the scholar from all blame, but cannot change the fact. It is the actual fact that we want recorded.

In the class books which we now furnish each school, the following order of record should be strictly observed : Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Physiology, Algebra, &c. Where there are several classes in the same branch, the higher should be placed first.

The number of school houses unfit for school purposes is at least seven. The work of rebuilding or repairing must soon come. In most of the school rooms the blackboards need rejuvenating at once, and in some of the rooms there is pressing need of larger boards.

Every school ought to have its dictionary, its globe, and its outline maps. And yet these well nigh indispensable helps are entirely wanting in most of our schools.

There have been no changes of text-books during the year. It may be deemed best to make one or two changes during the coming year. The "Metric System," which has been adopted by most European nations, and is sanctioned by act of the United States, will be taught in our arithmetic classes the coming year. Teachers will prepare themselves accordingly.

The success of our schools depends much upon the work of the Prudential Committees. They gauge the expenditure of money, procure the teacher, determine minor repairs and have care of the house and its fixtures. The comfort and health of scholars is in their hands, and to a large extent, their intellectual development also. A public spirited Prudential Committee, who visits the school often, keeps all things neat and in repair, and makes every thing go smoothly by his good judgment and sunshiny presence and influence, is a school blessing to be very thankful for. We have had a few such ; we wish we could have had more. The physical welfare of our children in school is not sufficiently regarded, hence colds and sickness often result. Small children should have proper support for their feet. Let grown people be required to sit on

seats so high that their feet must dangle without support, and they will know how to pity the little children in many of our schools.

We cannot, under God, do a better thing for ourselves and our posterity than to give generously of our pains, our treasure and our heart's best affections for the welfare of our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH HARMON,

ELLERY ALBEE,

MARTIN A. BROWN,

*Superintending School Committee.*

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	Weeks Summer Term.	Weeks Winter Term.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Reading and Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Pennmanship.	Other branches.	Children bet. 5 and 15 not attending school.	Persons bet. 14 and 21 who cannot r'd or write.
1	8	10	0	2	10	9	19	13	5	4	0	0	0	12	19	3	0
2	20	20	0	2	45	49	94	41	24	11	2	0	0	14	16	1	0
3	58	33	1	3	98	111	209	140	93	54	0	13	19	80	105	1	0
4	21	0	0	1	4	8	12	12	9	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
5	18	0	0	1	6	12	18	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
6	10	15	0	2	14	13	27	19	15	9	3	0	1	18	1	2	0
7	17	0	0	1	12	5	17	8	9	2	2	0	0	8	0	0	0
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15	16	0	0	1	7	8	15	10	8	2	0	0	0	7	0	3	0
16	14	9	0	2	13	15	28	16	11	2	0	0	0	16	0	2	0
17	0	11	0	1	6	2	8	7	6	1	0	0	0	7	4	0	0
18	21	0	2	0	25	27	52	18	2	3	0	0	0	16	0	6	0
19	10	10	0	2	11	6	17	11	6	5	0	0	0	9	2	0	0
20	8	11	0	2	8	4	12	11	7	5	6	0	0	10	0	2	0
21	8	8	0	2	12	10	22	11	8	8	0	4	0	9	2	0	0
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## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

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The High School Committee would respectfully submit the following report :

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$59 24
Tuitions,	59 50
Town appropriation,	1,050 00
Appropriation from District No. 3,	250 00
Proceeds of High School Exhibition,	13 40
	\$1,432 14

#### EXPENDITURES.

Julius N. Mallory's salary, 33 weeks, at \$25 a week,	\$825 00
Miss Angie R. Crowley's salary, 33 weeks,	406 05
District No. 3, care of house,	46 50
"    "    wood,	50 00
"    "    cleaning rooms,	6 00
Use of tables, (a bill belonging to the previous year,)	2 50
Installment on organ,	45 40
Clock for Principal's room,	6 00
Expenses incident to procuring teachers,	2 54
Ink, crayons, &c.,	3 20
Cash on hand,	38 95
	\$1,432 14

The school has been under the charge, for the whole year, of Mr. Julius N. Mallory and Miss Angie R. Crowley, who have been faithful and indefatigable in their work, and have achieved commendable success.

There have been three terms of school. The Spring Term of 10 weeks commenced April 26 and closed July 1st. The Fall Term of 12 weeks commenced August 30th and closed November 19th. The Winter Term of 11 weeks commenced December 13th and closed Feb. 25th. The whole number of different scholars for the year is 103 ; 52 girls, and 51 boys. Thirteen of these, 4 boys and 9 girls, have come from out of



town by paying tuition, and have a place among our best scholars for both good scholarship and good deportment.

The average attendance is 54 1-3, only a little more than half the whole number. It is a question whether the taxpayers can thus afford to keep their children at home after having established the school on such a generous footing. What need of such great waste?

The number of scholars attending to different branches is as follows :

Reading and Spelling, 89 ; Arithmetic, 87 ; Grammar, 60 ; Geography, 44 ; Algebra, 36 ; Book-keeping, 35 ; Latin, 29 ; Physiology, 21 ; Philosophy, 7 ; French, 4, and Geometry, 2.

The whole number of scholars, the Spring term, was 46 ; Fall term, 75 ; Winter term, 64. Not absent at all : Spring term, 13 ; Fall, 19 ; Winter, 4. Willie Burbank, Alex. Pierce and Stillie Snow were not absent a single half-day of the year. Not tardy : Spring term, 21 ; Fall, 40 ; Winter, 30. Willie Burbank, Stillie Snow, Fred Gould, Ida Gurnsey, Etta Swan and Marion Stephens were not tardy for the whole year. Willie Burbank and Stillie Snow were both present and punctual throughout the entire year.

The examinations at the close of each term revealed very satisfactory progress in the several branches taught. The *tone* of the school has been good during the year. Individual instances of remissness and violation of good order there may have been ; but these have been the rare exception, and by no means the general rule. There has been a conscious self-respect, leading to gentleman-like bearing and lady-like refinement, which all cannot but admire. The appearance of anything like a lawless or rowdy spirit has scarcely been known. The behavior of the scholars, when on the streets or in the yard, has, with rarest exceptions, been worthy of the commendation of all good people. It is evident that our High School work is becoming organized and compacted, as of an institution having character and stability and a mission to perform. It is greatly to be regretted that so many of our boys and girls are so easily drawn or kept away from its privileges. Girls are often inclined to seek positions as teachers when they ought rather to be in school ; and boys are kept out to work just at the critical time of their educational life.

If scholars would only attend school continuously the full course, classification would become a far simpler problem; and the ultimate success of the school, and of the individuals who go out from it, would be far greater. Irregularity of attendance is one of the greatest drawbacks to the ideal success towards which we aim. As an effort towards partial remedy, the Committee have adopted the following rule for the future:

“Scholars who fall out of their classes for any reason during a given term, shall not be admitted to those same classes at the beginning of a subsequent term, except on condition that they have made up the lessons lost, and have passed satisfactory examination thereon.”

Dismissals, in many cases, are a great evil; and parents should be careful and not authorize them unnecessarily.

More black-board is needed in the Principal's room. It is hoped that something may be done about it this vacation.

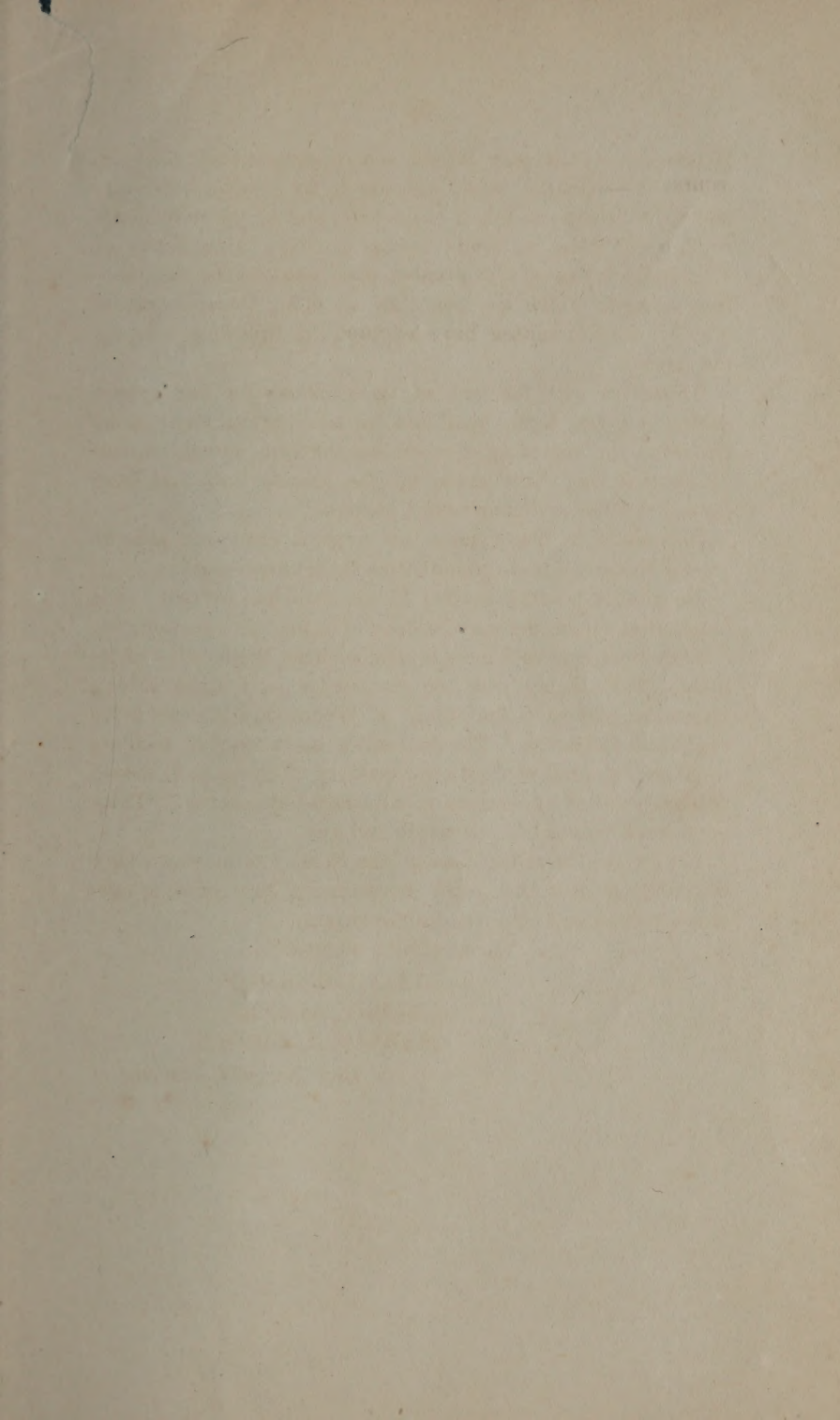
Rhetorical exercises have heretofore been Wednesday afternoon. The coming year we purpose to have them Friday afternoon, and save the whole of Wednesday afternoon for study and recitation. The disposition on the part of scholars to go over ground without clear mastery of the subject, should not be cherished by scholars or encouraged by parents. “Thorough work” should be the motto and aim.

The exhibition at the close of the Winter term was a very creditable performance, and the proceeds have gone to purchase a clock and help pay for the organ.

Respectfully submitted.

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*High School Committee.*









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